Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0033] with the following amended paragraph:

[0033] Into the inner joint part 52 there is inserted a connecting shaft 44. A plate cap 46 is secured to the outer joint part 50. A convoluted boot 47 seals the plate cap 46 relative to the connecting shaft 44. The other end of the joint 11 at the cylindrical open end 66, i.e., towards the hollow shaft 42, is sealed by a grease cover 48. The grease cover 48 is generally displaceable such that during a crash or unintended thrust the grease cover 48 is dislodged or displaced from its general position near the cylindrical open end 66 of the joint 11. In addition, the grease cover 48 may provide some energy absorption should the connecting shaft 44 be thrust beyond the extended axial range E of constant velocity joint 11. The constant velocity joint 11 is designed to operate in its normal axial range N until, however, compression from crash or an unintended thrust is applied forcing the inner joint part 52 and the rollers 58 into or through the extended axial range.

Please add the following new paragraphs after paragraph [0022]:

[0022.1] Figure 10 shows a half-sectional view of a plunging constant velocity joint in an extended position in accordance with the embodiments of the present invention.

[0022.2] Figure 11 shows a half-sectional view of a plunging constant velocity joint in an even further extended position as compared to Figure 10 in accordance with the embodiments of the present invention.